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CHECK THE FOLLOWING BEFORE YOU BUY  
(Information from Bureau of Home Economics, USDA)

1. Fiber content - Wool content should be at least 25% to make appreciable difference in warmth & to give the blanket the characteristic properties of wool. Percentage of wool and other fibers must be given on label.
2. Fiber quality - not required on label. Better quality wool has soft resilient feel when crushed in hand.
3. Weave - weave should be firm, uniform, with no weak spots. Hold blanket up to light for observation. See (over)

if blanket has been cut straight. Be sure borders, stripes or plaids, are woven in same way as the rest.

4. Nap - fuzz or nap should be uniformly distributed, and foundation cloth should show no weak spots. Fuzz should not pull off easily, but be firmly attached.

5. Breaking strength - for best wear, get blanket with highest breaking strength in warp & filling.

6. Size - measure width, depth, & length of bed. Measure blanket. Oversize blanket will wear longer & be more comfortable than undersize. Allow for shrinkage.

7. Weight - if blankets are equal in size & fiber content, heavier blanket will be warmer.

8. Binding - should be good quality, well stitched & neatly finished at ends. Sateen best for long service.

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